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NEWS RELEASE

EPFD responds to Condition 2 fire

Firefighters respond to Condition 2 fire at 6900 block of Commerce Ave.

El Paso, Texas – At approximately 8:36 p.m. on Sunday June 4, the El Paso Fire Department was dispatched to the 6900 block of Commerce Ave. when a business fire alarm notified 9-1-1. Upon arriving on the scene at 8:42 p.m., crews found heavy smoke and fire coming from the side of a warehouse business. Firefighters began to simultaneously fight the fire and look for employees inside.

Because the business was empty, firefighters continued to fight the fire. The fire was under control at 8:52 p.m. The fire was contained to the outside of the business and damage is estimated at \$1,000. The origin and cause of the fire was a container bin full of oily rags outside the building.

There were no injuries to firefighters. A total of 7 units and 22 personnel from the El Paso Fire Department responded to this incident. El Paso Police, EP Electric and Texas Gas assisted with the incident.

The building had working fire alarms and a sprinkler system. The El Paso Fire Department would like to remind the public that in less than 30 seconds, a small flame can get completely out of control and begin filling a home with thick, black, poisonous smoke. In just a few minutes, a home can become completely engulfed with flames. With the advance notice of a working smoke alarm, residents can escape with their lives.

To request fire extinguisher training, help with a home/work escape plan or inquire about smoke alarms, the public can call (915) 485-5699 or visit www.elpasotexas.gov/fire-department/services.

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